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Applicants: Dean C. Alberson et al.
Serial No.: 10/091,838
Filed: March 6, 2002
Art Unit: 3679
Examiner: Daniel P. Stodola
Confirmation No.: 8562
Notice of Allowance Mailed: October 4, 2006
Title: HYBRID ENERGY ABSORBING REUSABLE
TERMINAL

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Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF PATENT TERM UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.705(b)

Sir:

In the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment Under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b), which accompanied the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed October 4, 2006, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) indicated that a patent issuing from the above-captioned patent application was not entitled to a patent term adjustment. The Issue Fee is due January 4, 2007 and is being paid concurrently with the filing of this petition.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b) Applicants sets forth the following in support of the Petition for Reinstatement of Patent Term.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

A Notice of Allowance was originally mailed September 9, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application (see Exhibit A). The Issue Fee,

Publication Fee and, Formal Drawings were filed via Express Mail September 14, 2004 (see Exhibit B). The Issue Notification was mailed November 25, 2004 indicating that the application would issue December 14, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,830,237 (see Exhibit C). Applicants received a Notice of Withdrawal from Issue Under 37 CFR § 1.313 mailed December 8, 2004 indicating that the patent had been withdrawn from issuance due to an interference (see Exhibit D). On January 10, 2005 Applicants received from Examiner Ryan Flandro notification that prosecution of the application had been suspended due to a potential interference (see Exhibit E). Applicants filed a Response to Notice of Withdrawal from Issue on March 14, 2005 (see Exhibit F). On October 26, 2005 Applicants received from Examiner Daniel Stodola a second notification regarding suspension of prosecution due to a potential interference (see Exhibit G). Throughout the suspension period Applicants filed several Requests for Status, dated March 5, 2005, July 21, 2005, and April 26, 2006 respectively (see Exhibit H). In response to Applicants's final Request for Status, dated September 29, 2006 Applicants received the above-referenced Notice of Allowance mailed October 4, 2006 (see Exhibit I).

According to the Patent Term Adjustment History (PTAH) for the above-captioned patent, which Applicants' representative printed from PAIR (see Exhibit J), the PTO determined that any patent issuing from this application is not eligible for patent term. Applicants, however, believe that due to the original patent being withdrawn from issue by a third party, and through no fault of Applicants, the patent should be eligible for a five hundred twenty-five(525) day patent term adjustment as determined below.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a) the PTAH indicated a delay in prosecution by the PTO which resulted in an adjustment of thirteen (13) days to the patent term. Further, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(c) Applicants believe an adjustment of six hundred and sixty-four (664) days should be added to the term of any patent issuing from this application due to the withdrawal of the patent from issue by a third-party as outlined above. In addition, the PTAH indicated that Applicants' delays resulted in a one hundred fifty-two (152) day reduction in patent term under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b). Accordingly, as outlined above, Applicants believe that the total patent term adjustment should be five hundred twenty-five(525) days.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.705(b) Applicants respectfully request that the PTO adjust the period of patent term to five hundred twenty-five(525) days.

Authorization for the commissioner to charge the fee for this petition in the amount of \$200.00 to Baker Botts LLP's deposit account number 02-0384. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,
BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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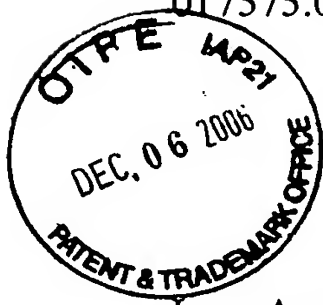
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Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that the attached Issue Fee Transmittal (PTOL-85) (one (1) page) and the Petition for Reinstatement of Patent Term Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b) (fifty-four (54) pages) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on this 6th day of December 2006 addressed to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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EXHIBIT A



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NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

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*Issue Fee & Drawings Due:
December 9, 2004
Pay by: November
9, 2004*

EXAMINER

FLANDRO, RYAN M

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/091,838	03/06/2002	Dean C. Alberson	017575.0922	8562

TITLE OF INVENTION: HYBRID ENERGY ABSORBING REUSABLE TERMINAL

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$665	\$300	\$965	12/09/2004

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. **PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.** THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. **THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED.** SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

HOW TO REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

I. Review the SMALL ENTITY status shown above.

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:

A. If the status is the same, pay the TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above.

B. If the status above is to be removed, check box 5b on Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and twice the amount of the ISSUE FEE shown above, or

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

A. Pay TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above, or

B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check box 5a on Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.

II. PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL should be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). Even if the fee(s) have already been paid, Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and returned. If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted.

III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Utility patents issuing on applications filed on or after Dec. 12, 1980 may require payment of maintenance fees. It is patentee's responsibility to ensure timely payment of maintenance fees when due.



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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (703) 305-1383. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (703) 305-8283.



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Notice of Fee Increase on October 1, 2004

If a reply to a "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" is filed in the Office on or after October 1, 2004, then the amount due will be higher than that set forth in the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" because an increase in fees effective on October 1, 2004 is anticipated. See Revision of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 2005; Proposed Rule, 69 Fed. Reg. 25861, 25863, 25864 (May 10, 2004).

The current fee schedule is accessible from WEB site (<http://www.uspto.gov/main/howtofees.htm>).

If the fee paid is the amount shown on the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" but not the correct amount in view of the fee increase, a "Notice of Pay Balance of Issue Fee" will be mailed to applicant. In order to avoid processing delays associated with mailing of a "Notice of Pay Balance of Issue Fee," if the response to the Notice of Allowance is to be filed on or after October 1, 2004 (or mailed with a certificate of mailing on or after October 1, 2004), the issue fee paid should be the fee that is required at the time the fee is paid. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 1306 (Eighth Edition, Rev. 2, May 2004). If the issue fee was previously paid, and the response to the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" includes a request to apply a previously-paid issue fee to the issue fee now due, then the difference between the issue fee amount at the time the response is filed and the previously-paid issue fee should be paid. See MPEP Section 1308.01.

Effective October 1, 2004, 37 CFR 1.18 is proposed to be amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (c) to read as set forth below. As stated above, the final fee may be a different amount, and applicant should check the WEB site given above when paying the fee.

Section 1.18 Patent post allowance (including issue) fees.

(a) Issue fee for issuing each original or reissue patent, except a design or plant patent:

By a small entity (Sec. 1.27(a))..... \$670.00
By other than a small entity..... \$1,340.00

(b) Issue fee for issuing a design patent:

By a small entity (Sec. 1.27(a))..... \$245.00
By other than a small entity..... \$490.00

(c) Issue fee for issuing a plant patent:

By a small entity (Sec. 1.27(a))..... \$325.00
By other than a small entity..... \$650.00

Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (703) 305-8283.



Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/091,838

Examiner

Ryan M Flandro

Applicant(s)

ALBERSON ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's Amendment submitted 6/4/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-12, 14-21 and 33-35.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 1/13/03.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 20040604
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 9, line 4. The word "ambered" has been amended to read --cambered--.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Luke Pederson on 22 June 2004.

EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The reasons for allowance are properly indicated in the previous Office action (May 6, 2004). As stated in Applicant's reply, the Affidavit submitted 15 April 2003 ("Affidavit") was not considered in the most recent Office action and the claims are allowable for the reasons indicated in the May 6th Office action.

Additionally, however, in Applicant's response on 04 June 2004 Applicant requested that the Affidavit "be withdrawn from consideration in the present application, and any related applications." As a point of clarification for the record, the Affidavit is not withdrawn from consideration in the present application or any related applications. The Examiner confirms that the claims in the instant application distinguish over the cited prior art (including the Stephens reference) for the reasons indicated, and notes that said Affidavit is still part of the record.

Applicant's request falls short of expunging the Affidavit from the record in accordance with MPEP §§724.05-724.06 and is not, therefore, precluded from being considered in related applications.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan M Flandro whose telephone number is (703) 305-6952. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5:30pm Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on (703) 308-2686. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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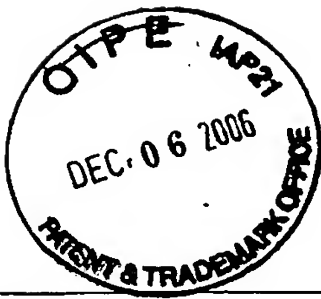
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	B	3,693,940	09/26/1972	Kendall et al.	256	1	12/08/1970
	C	3,856,268	12/24/1974	Fitch	256	13.1	09/17/1973
	D	3,919,380	11/11/1975	Smarook et al.	264	164	12/26/1973
	E	4,200,310	04/29/1980	Carney, III	280	784	07/20/1978
	F	4,399,980	08/23/1983	van Schie	256	13.1	06/23/1981
	G	4,583,716	04/22/1986	Stephens et al.	256	13.1	04/22/1986
	H	4,645,375	02/24/1987	Carney, III	404	6	05/23/1985
	I	4,784,515	11/15/1988	Krage et al.	404	6	02/23/1988
	J	5,011,326	04/30/1991	Carney, III	404	6	04/30/1990
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	M	5,823,584	10/20/1998	Carney, III	293	102	10/08/1996
	N	5,957,435	09/28/1999	Bronstad	256	13.1	07/11/1997
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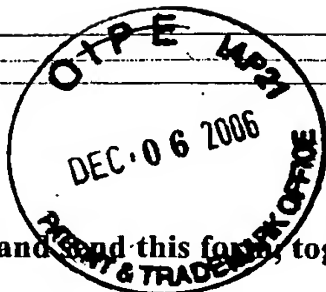
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EXHIBIT B



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I hereby certify that this Fee(s) Transmittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop ISSUE FEE address above, or being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO (703) 746-4000, on the date indicated below.

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1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).

☐ Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached.☐ "Fee Address" indication (or "Fee Address" Indication form PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached. Use of a Customer Number is required.

2. For printing on the patent front page, list

(1) the names of up to 3 registered patent attorneys or agents OR, alternatively,

(2) the name of a single firm (having as a member a registered attorney or agent) and the names of up to 2 registered patent attorneys or agents. If no name is listed, no name will be printed.

Baker Botts L.L.P.

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3. ASSIGNEE NAME AND RESIDENCE DATA TO BE PRINTED ON THE PATENT (print or type)

PLEASE NOTE: Unless an assignee is identified below, no assignee data will appear on the patent. If an assignee is identified below, the document has been filed for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11. Completion of this form is NOT a substitute for filing an assignment.

(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE

The Texas A&M University System

(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)

College Station, TX

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent): ☐ Individual ☒ Corporation or other private group entity ☐ Government

4a. The following fee(s) are enclosed:

☒ Issue Fee☒ Publication Fee (No small entity discount permitted)☒ Advance Order - # of Copies 10

4b. Payment of Fee(s):

☐ A check in the amount of the fee(s) is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.☒ The Director is hereby authorized by charge the required fee(s), or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 02-0384 (enclose an extra copy of this form).

5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)

☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

The Director of the USPTO is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or to re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. NOTE: The Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if required) will not be accepted from anyone other than the applicant; a registered attorney or agent; or the assignee or other party in interest as shown by the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Authorized Signature

Date

9/14/04

Typed or printed name

Luke K. Pedersen

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In re Application of: Dean C. Alberson, et al.
Serial No.: 10/091,838
Filed: March 6, 2002
Group No.: 3679
Examiner: Ryan M. Flandro
Notice of Allowance Mailed: September 9, 2004
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Title: HYBRID ENERGY ABSORBING REUSABLE TERMINAL

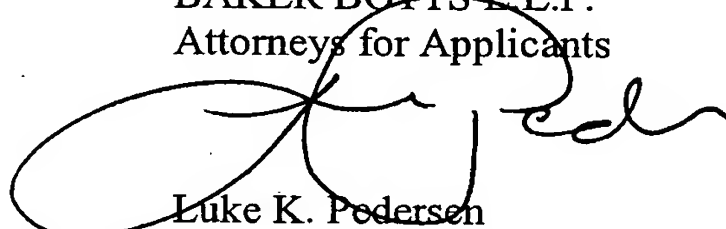
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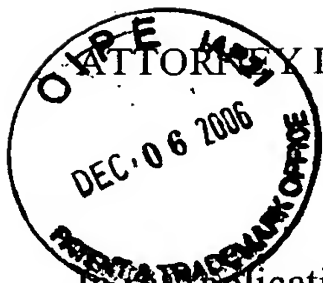
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 9-12, 14-21, and 33-35. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

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TRANSMITTAL OF CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowability mailed September 9, 2004, transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application are four sheets of corrected formal drawings.

Acceptance and entry of these corrected drawings is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 1

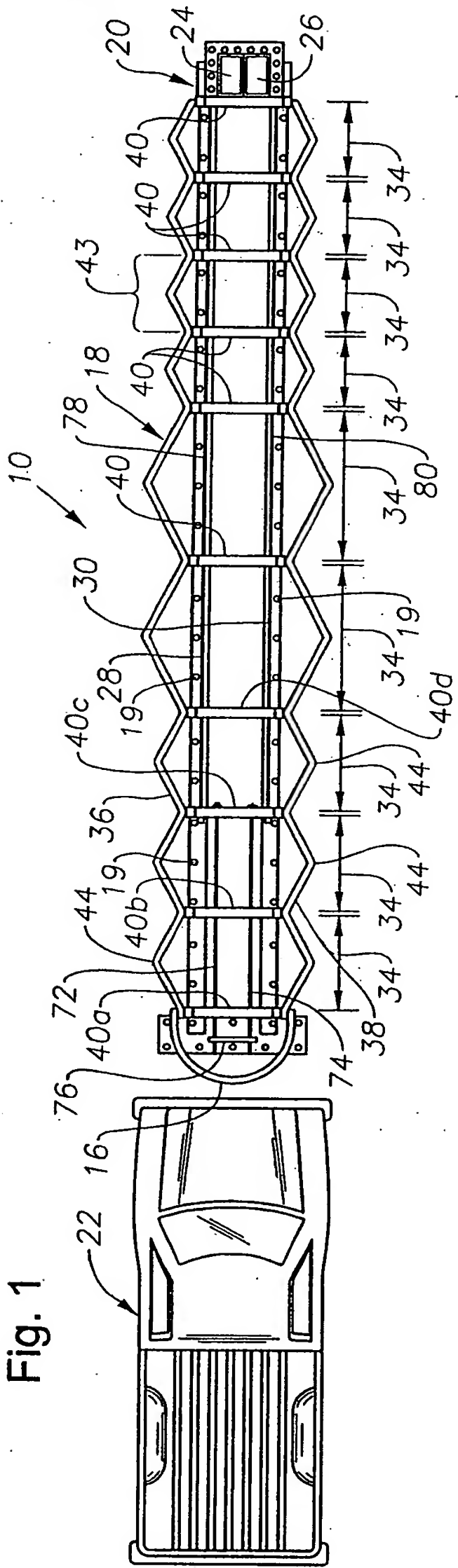
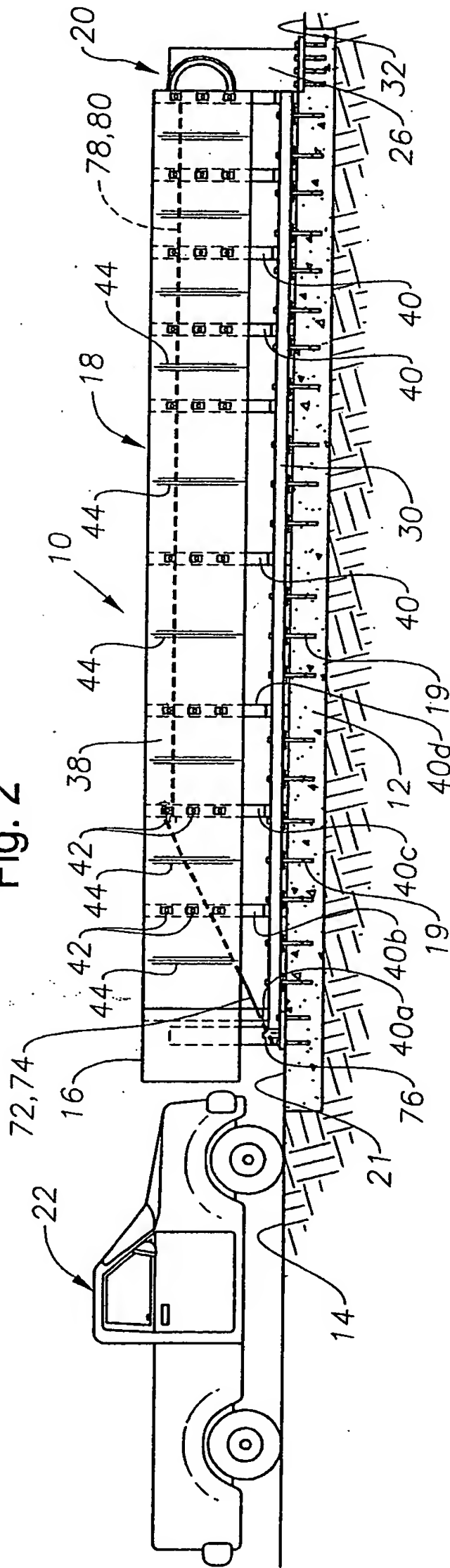


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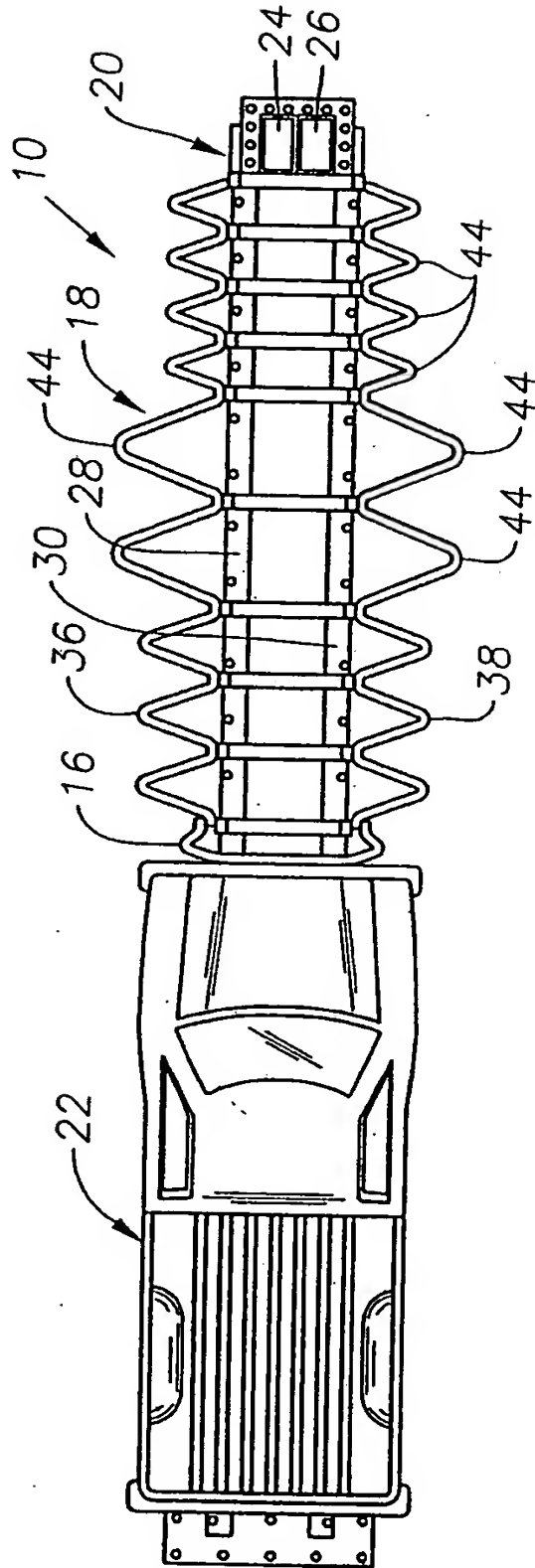
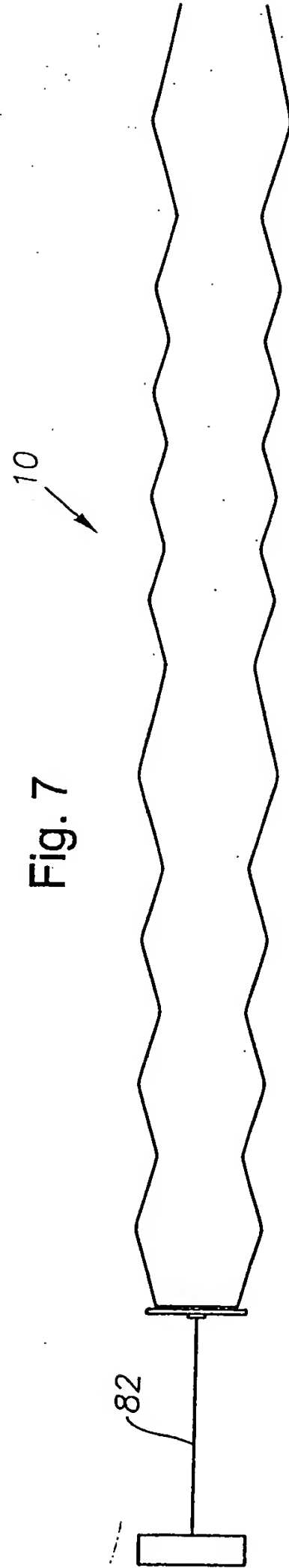


Fig. 7



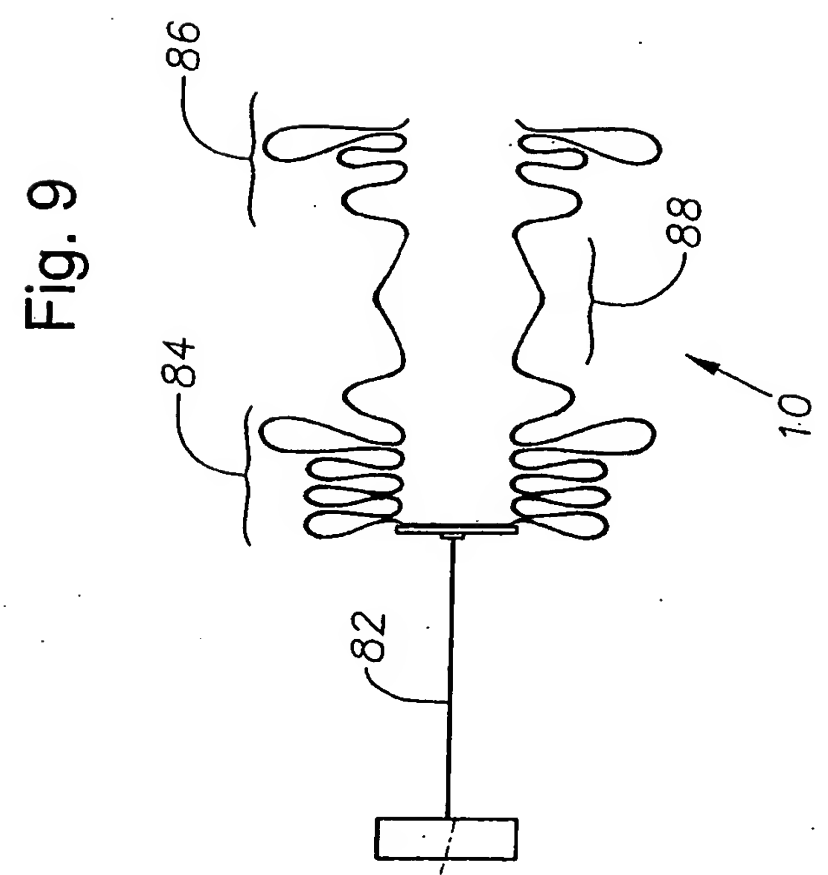
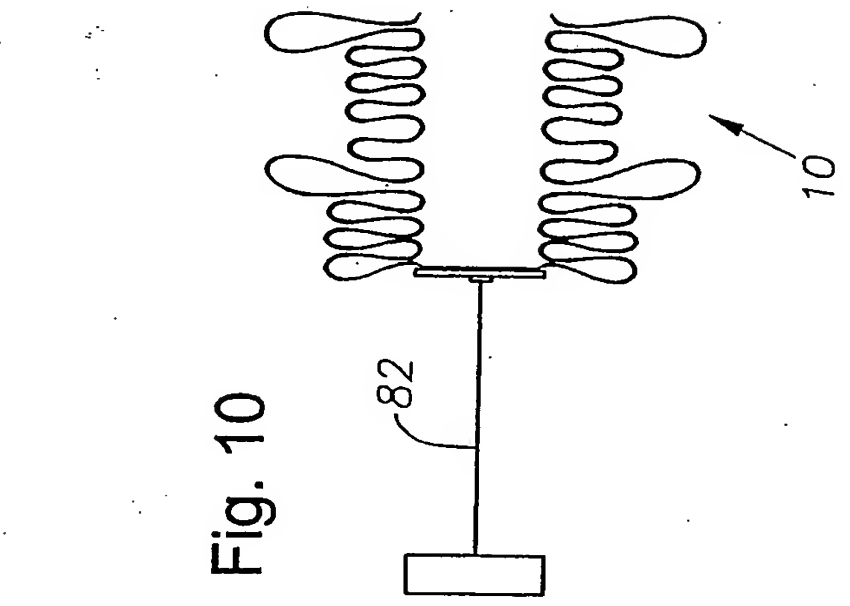
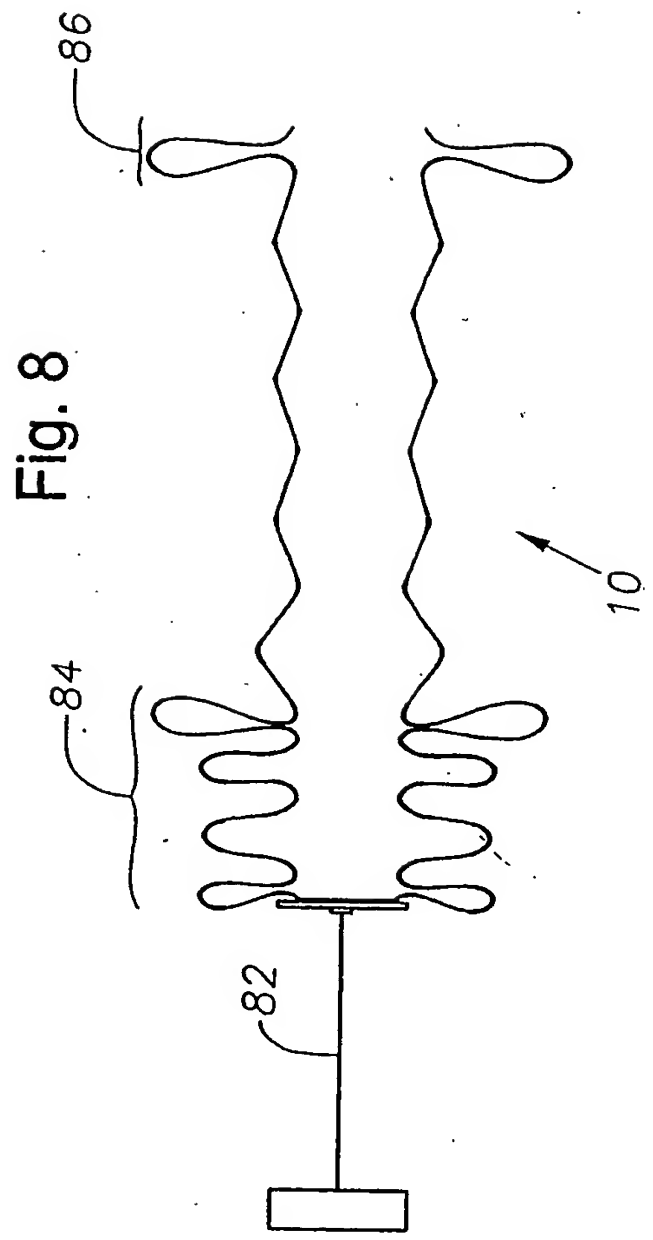


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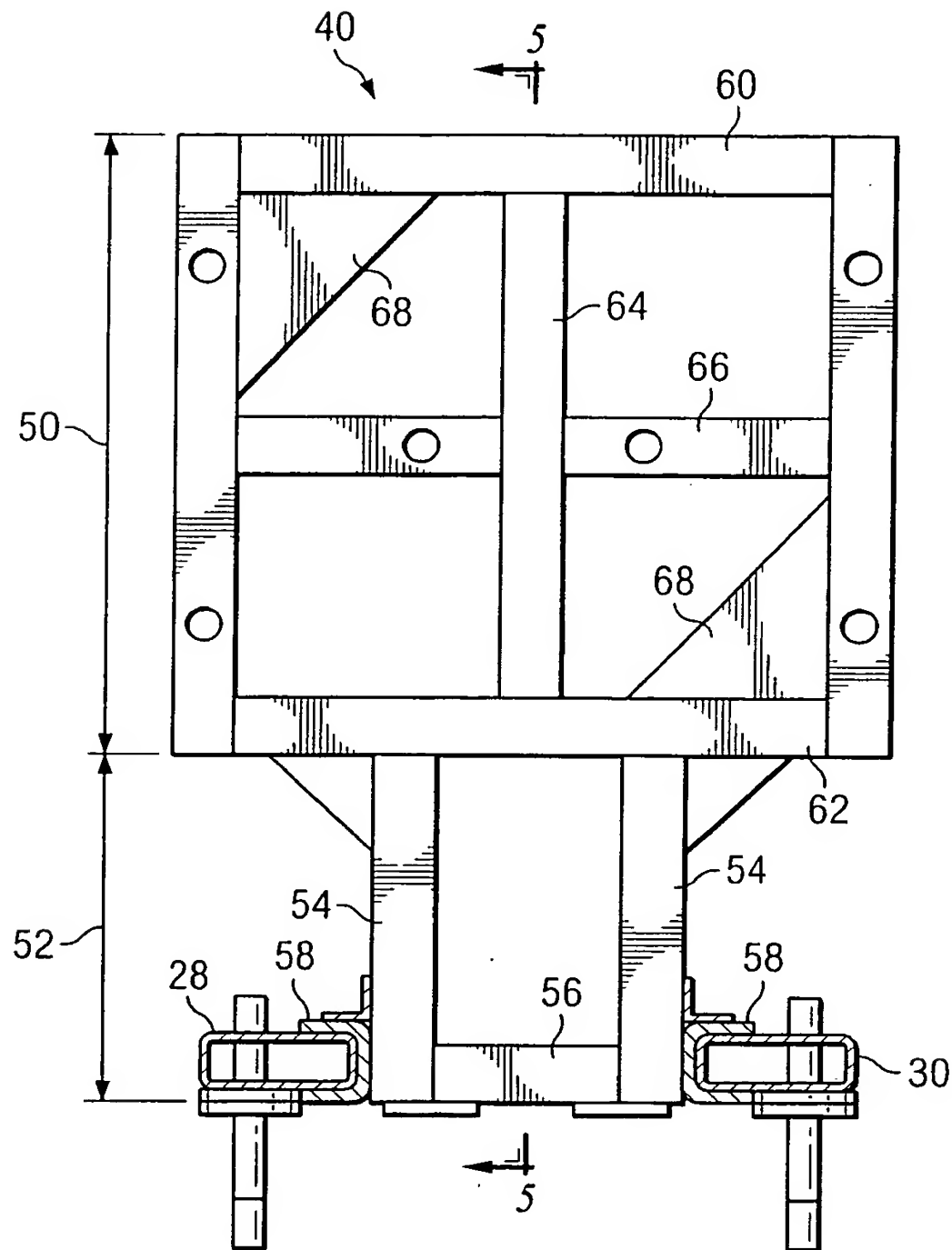


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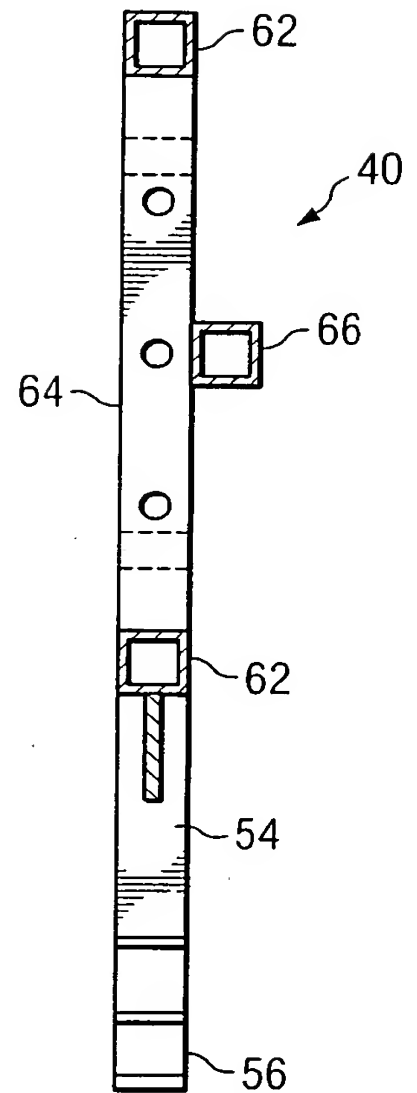
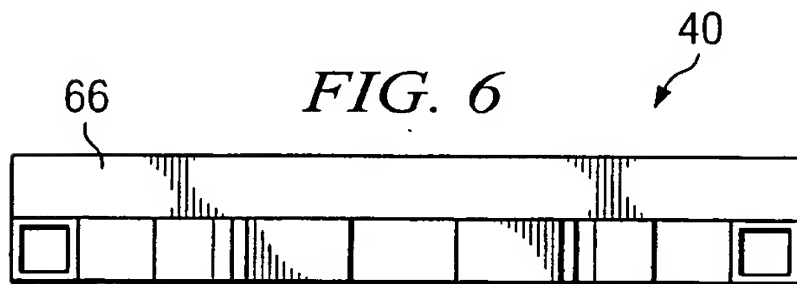


FIG. 6





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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
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The Patent Term Adjustment is 0 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the adjustment on the front page.

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In re Application of:	:	
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Application No. 10/091,838	:	FROM ISSUE
Filed: March 6, 2002	:	UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313
Attorney Docket No. 017575.0922	:	

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.313 due to an interference. The reasons therefore will be communicated to you by the examiner.

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) records indicate that the issue fee has not yet been submitted. If the issue fee and publication fee has been submitted, applicant may request: (1) a refund; or, (2) that the fee be credited to a deposit account. Applicant may, however, wait until such time as the application is either allowed or abandoned to make such request. If the application is subsequently allowed, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance and Issue and Publication Fee Due, applicant may further request that the previously submitted issue fee and publication fee be applied toward payment of the issue fee and publication fee in the amount identified in the new Notice of Allowance and Issue and Publication Fee Due. If the application is abandoned, applicant may request either a refund or a credit to a specified Deposit Account.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Supervisory Patent Examiner Tom Will at (703) 308-2151.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.



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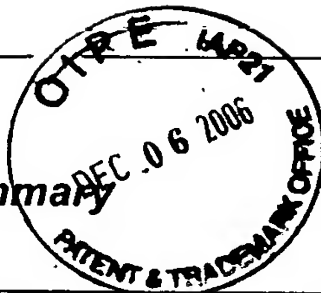
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to ~~communication(s)~~ Withdrawal from Issue letter of 12/9/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-12, 14-21 and 33-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-12, 14-21 and 33-35 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel P. Stodola whose telephone number is (703) 308-2686. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE

Applicants hereby respond to the Notice of Withdrawal from Issue mailed by the
USPTO ("the Patent Office") on December 9, 2004.

Applicants received an Issue Notification dated November 25, 2004 for this
application providing a projected patent number of 6,830,237 and a projected issue date of
December 12, 2004. This application was withdrawn from issue on December 9, 2004, just
before its projected issue date, in response to a Request for Interference filed in a Reissue
Application of U.S. Pat. 6,623,204 ("the Buehler Application"). That request for interference
seeks an interference between the Buehler Application and this present application.

The Request for Interference argues that U.S. Patent 6,461,076 ("the Stephens Patent") — which was made of record in the prosecution of the present application — shows the elements of the claims of the present application, and that the Buehler Application shows the same elements because the Buehler Application is a reissue of a divisional application of the Stephens Application. In doing so, the Request for Interference makes much of the fact that at one point during prosecution of the present application some claims that were pending at the time were rejected over the Stephens Application. This emphasis may have caused the Patent Office to overlook certain pertinent facts when deciding to withdraw the present application from issue:

- The present application was explicitly determined patentable over the Stephens Patent by the Patent Office: "The Examiner confirms that the claims in the instant application distinguish over the cited prior art (including the Stephens reference) for reasons indicated . . . ". Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed September 9, 2004, p.2 *Examiner's Reasons for Allowance*.
- Stephens was considered on the merits by the Patent Office and was not considered unavailable as prior art due to a swear-behind affidavit. ("The Affidavit submitted 15 April 2003 . . . was not considered in the most recent Office Action and the claims are allowable for the reasons indicated in the May 6th Office action). Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed September 9, 2004, p.2 *Examiner's Reasons for Allowance*.
- The Patent Office would have to reverse its earlier explicit decision that the present application was patentable over the Stephens Patent in order to declare an interference.

That the Patent Office explicitly considered the Stephens Patent and determined that it did not show the elements of the allowed claims may well have been overlooked in deciding to withdraw the present application from issue. This is likely, given the emphasis in the Request for Interference on the rejection in the early stages of prosecution of the then currently-pending claims over the Stephens reference and the filing of the associated swear-

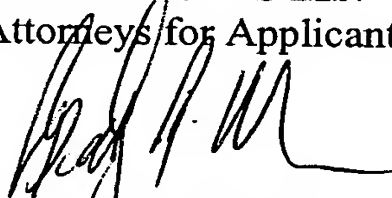
behind affidavit. And this possible oversight would be understandable given the expedited nature of the decision to withdraw the present application just days before issuance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office consider the above-listed facts and reconsider the decision to withdraw the present application from issue. This would be particularly appropriate in this case to avoid encouraging the use of the interference procedures as a post-allowance opposition proceeding — it can be seen that this Request for Interference essentially requests the Patent Office to reconsider an Examiner's patentability determination, something the Interference procedures were not intended to allow.

Respectfully submitted,

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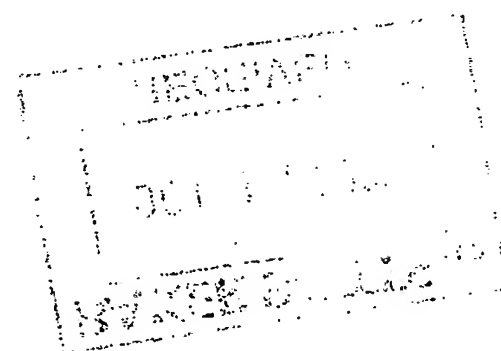
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Status

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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

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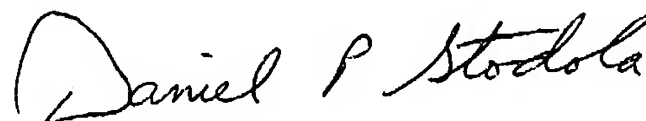
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The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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PATENT SERIAL NUMBER
10/091,838

EXHIBIT H

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017575.0922 (TAMUS 1634)

PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No. 10/091,838



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ALBERSON, et al.
Serial No.: 10/091,838
Filing Date: March 6, 2002
Group Art Unit: 3679
Examiner: Ryan M. Glandro
Title: **HYBRID ENERGY ABSORBING REUSABLE
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Name: Candice R. Rockett
Candice R. Rockett

Date: 3-8-05

REQUEST FOR STATUS

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. The Filing Receipt was received August 6, 2002. Applicant is currently awaiting an Office Action.

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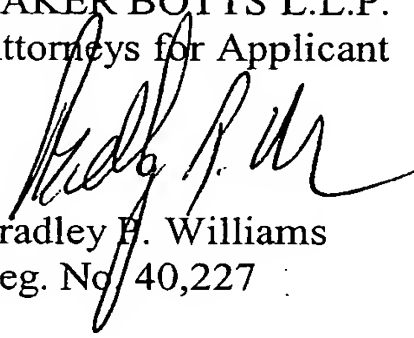
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Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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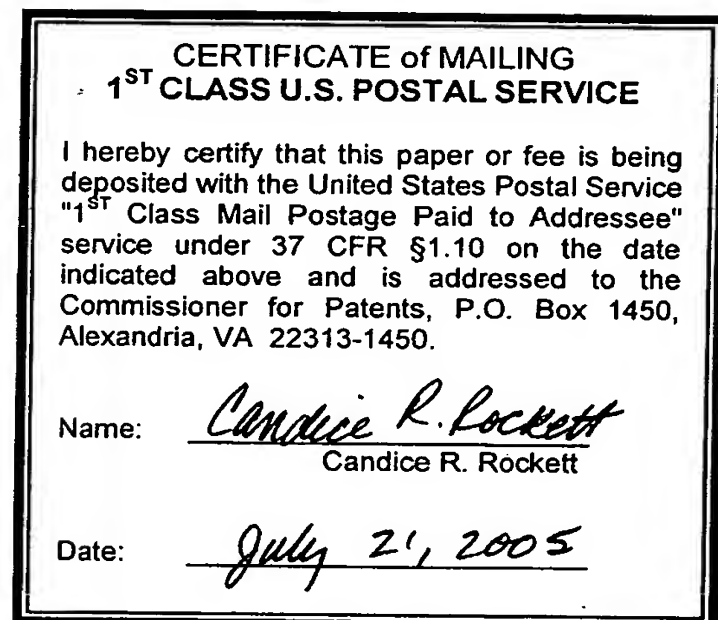
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SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS

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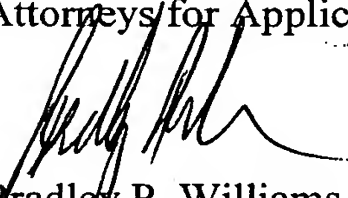
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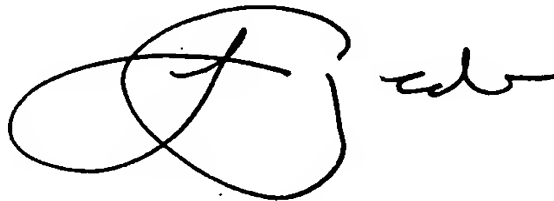
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4.26.06**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

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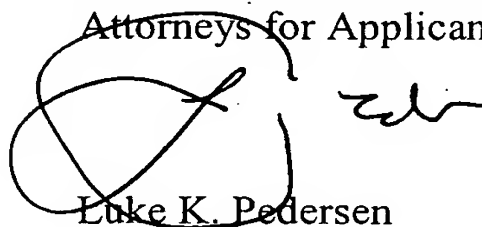
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Issue Fee Due: January 4, 2007
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STODOLA, DANIEL P	
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/091,838	03/06/2002	Dean C. Alberson	017575.0922	8562

TITLE OF INVENTION: HYBRID ENERGY ABSORBING REUSABLE TERMINAL

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$700	\$0	\$665	\$700	01/04/2007

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EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
STODOLA, DANIEL P	3679	256-013100

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DATE MAILED: 10/04/2006				

Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/091,838

Examiner

Daniel P. Stodola

Applicant(s)

ALBERSON ET AL.

Art Unit

3679

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication of September 29, 2006.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-12, 14-21 and 33-35.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXHIBIT J

Patent Term Adjustments

Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) for Application Number: 10/091,838

Filing or 371(c) Date:	03-06-2002	USPTO Delay (PTO) Delay (days):	13
Issue Date of Patent:	null	Three Years:	-
Pre-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Applicant Delay (APPL) Delay (days):	152
Post-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Total PTA (days):	0
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10-02-2006	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed		
09-29-2006	Miscellaneous Incoming Letter		
05-02-2006	Miscellaneous Incoming Letter		
05-08-2006	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
05-08-2006	to Close the A/R Record and Reset the Status for Expired Suspensions.		
10-26-2005	Mail Letter of Suspension		
10-21-2005	Letter of Suspension - Examiner Initiated		
08-08-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
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04-04-2005	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
01-10-2005	Mail Letter of Suspension		
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12-08-2004	Withdrawal of Notice of Allowance		
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12-01-2004	Withdrawal Patent Case from Issue		
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09-14-2004	Issue Fee Payment Verified		
09-14-2004	Workflow - Drawings Finished		
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09-14-2004	Response to Reasons for Allowance		
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09-15-2004	Workflow - File Sent to Contractor		
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09-04-2004	Formal Drawings Required		
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06-18-2004	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete	
06-04-2004	Reference capture on IDS	
06-04-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	
06-18-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner	
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03-23-2004	Request for Extension of Time - Granted	↑
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06-06-2002	Application Dispatched from OIPE	
06-05-2002	Application Is Now Complete	
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